

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:92

ANSWERED ON:26.02.2002

SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS TO POLICE PERSONNEL

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the weapons provided to the police personnel in most of the States are outdated and obsolete whereas the weapons being used by the terrorists are of very sophisticated nature;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to assist the States to get highly sophisticated weapons and equipments for police personnel;
- (d) the total assistance provided to various States for modernization of police force in the country during the last three years, State-wise, year-wise;
- (e) the names of the States which have utilized the amount properly;
- (f) whether some States, particularly West Bengal has diverted the amount given for the purpose; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (c): 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects as per List II of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. As such, training, equipping and modernising their police forces is the responsibility of the State Governments. The Union Government is providing financial assistance to the States for modernisation of the State Police forces, which includes assistance for the procurement of sophisticated weaponry and equipment to tackle the emerging challenges including those from the terrorists.

(d): The total assistance provided to various States during the last three years under the Scheme for modernization of the State Police Forces is indicated at Annexure.

(e) and (f): There is no report from any State including West Bengal suggesting diversion of funds meant for modernisation of State Police force. However, against the plan of Rs. 120.59 crore for the year 2000-01, utilization of funds reported by Government of West Bengal is Rs. 19.34 crore.

(g): Home Minister has written to the Chief Ministers requesting them to ensure appropriate utilization of the funds released by the Union Government under the scheme.

Annexure

Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces - funds released during the period 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-01 (The Central assistance is to the tune of 50% of the Modernisation Plan)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of State	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
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Andhra Pradesh	709.560	354.780	7202.00
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Arunachal Pradesh	23.135	177.100	115.00
Assam	47.715	47.715	3657.50
Bihar	633.120	508.530	5758.50
Goa	Nil	Nil	202.00
Gujarat	75.090	570.300	5976.00
Haryana	71.710	319.520	2832.50
Himachal Pradesh	100.000	437.820	134.00
Jammu & Kashmir	581.540	40.770	3082.00
Karnataka	250.800	621.300	8285.00
Kerala	Nil	189.990	2928.50
Madhya Pradesh	437.820	846.360	5449.00
Maharashtra	324.915	568.820	8310.00
Manipur	234.630	17.315	410.00
Meghalaya	125.940	12.970	154.00
Mizoram	43.890	173.385	495.00
Nagaland	238.430	164.375	284.00
Orissa	104.610	52.305	3057.50
Punjab	42.325	42.325	3576.00
Rajasthan	77.460	Nil	4552.50
Sikkim	8.610	Nil	183.00
Tamilnadu	321.750	163.960	7650.00
Tripura	23.265	177.795	639.00
Uttar Pradesh	436.300	951.065	12397.00
West Bengal	87.385	761.500	6047.50
Chhatisgarh		2057.50	
Jharkhand		4015.00	
Uttaranchal		550.00	

Total	5000.000	72000.000	100000.00
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